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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CSCE, SHUM, PINT, RO  
SUBJ: ROMANIAN DISSIDENTS: RELEASE OF GOMA  
REF: BUCHAREST 3132 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THROUGH SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING BELGIAN DIPLOMAT, GOMA'S COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER, AND AUTHOR NICOLAE BREBAN, THAT ROMANIAN DISSIDENT AUTHOR PAUL GOMA HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION AND IS APPARENTLY NOW LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY AT BUCHAREST HOME OF HIS FATHER-IN-LAW. HE HAS TOLD ONE WESTERN JOURNALIST THAT HE IS NOT AT LIBERTY TO SPEAK WITH HER. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSY FIRST HEARD RUMOR OF GOMA'S RELEASE MAY 6 FROM BELGIAN EMBASSY HERE WHICH HAD BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH GOMA BEFORE HIS ARREST. ACCORDING TO REPORT, GOMA HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION AND WAS UNDER SOME FORM OF "HOUSE ARREST", ALTHOUGH NOT BEING HARASSED.

3. SAME EVENING EMBOFF WAS TOLD SIMILAR STORY BY CHAIRMAN OF BUCHARE

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BAR, GOMA'S COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER "SHOULD THE NEED ARISE". HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT GOMA WOULD STAND TRIAL, BUT REFUSED TO GO

INTO DETAILS. HE CONFIRMED THAT GOMA WAS NO LONGER "IN JAIL".

4. WE WERE ALSO TOLD MAY 8 BY LONDON TIMES JOURNALIST DESA TREVISAN THAT GOMA HAD VISITED AUTHOR NICOLAE BREBAN PREVIOUS DAY. GOMA SENT MESSAGE THROUGH BREBAN THAT HE WAS NOT AT LIBERTY TO SPEAK WITH HER.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOMA APPARENTLY WAS RELEASED SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE APPEARANCE OF MAY 8 AMNESTY (SEPTEL) IN HONOR OF ROMANIAN CENTENNIAL, HE AND OTHERS DETAINED, BUT NOT CHARGED, WOULD APPEAR TO BENEFIT FROM ITS PROVISIONS. ACCORDING TO MAY 8 SCINTEIA, AMNESTY WILL FREE SOME 19,000 PERSONS, WHILE ANOTHER 9,500 WILL HAVE WHATEVER JURIDICAL ACTIONS OR SENTENCING WAS PENDING TERMINATED. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY HEARD SPECULATION THAT GOR MIGHT MAKE USE OF SUCH AN AMNESTY

TO SOLVE DILEMMA CREATED BY ITS USE OF REPRESSIVE TACTICS VIS-A-VIS DISSIDENTS. WE DO NOT KNOW YET, HOWEVER, IF THIS WILL AFFECT EITHER CASE OF HISTORIAN VLAD GEORGESCU OR THOSE, SUCH AS SERBAN STEFANESCU, WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED UNDER ROMANIA'S COMPULSORY WORK LAWS. BARNES

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